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Applicants : Daniels, David W., et al. Confirmation No.: 8037

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For : MODULAR TAPERED REAMER FOR BONE PREPARATION AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

The present response is being filed under a Certificate of
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Serial No. 10/606,303
Amendment dated September 14, 2005
Reply to Office action of August 19, 2005

In response to the Official Action dated August 19, 2005, the Applicants respectfully elect the following without traverse:

The Applicants respectfully elect Modular Reamer, Species I: Figure 1.

The Applicants concur with the Examiner's belief that Claims 1-20 are generic.

Applicants therefore believe that all claims [1-20] are readable on the species elected by the Applicants, namely Modular Reamer, Species I: Figure 1.

The Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the non-elected Species in divisional applications.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP0651/JSW in the name of Johnson & Johnson for any costs associated with the filing of this document.

The applicants' attorney wishes to welcome the Examiner to contact him by telephone at any time Monday thru Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Indiana time (Eastern Standard Time year round) at 574-372-7332.

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